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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: TEHUANTEPEC ELECTRIC CANAL

1. RECENT BANK OF AMERICA REPORT STATES "PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ORDERED FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOL 1 BILLION ELECTRIC-POWERED RAILROAD ACROSS THE TEHUANTEPEC ISTHMUS. THE NEW, HIGH-SPEED SYSTEM WOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARD CONTAINER CARGO, AND DRAW ITS ELECTRIC POWER FROM THE NEARBY LA ANGOSTURA DAM." REPORT INDICATES MEXICAN ENGINEERS BELIEVE RAILROAD WOULD CAPTURE SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS FROM PANAMA CANAL.

2. SINCE PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD OFFER GREAT POTENTIAL FOR U.S. ENGINEERS, CONSTRUCTORS, EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS, WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE--ESPECIALLY REPORT OM WHETHER FEASIBILITY STUDIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN AWARDED AND, IF SO, TO WHOM. INGERSOLL

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